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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HERTELENDI ET AL.

Examiner

ROBERT J. MCCARRY JR

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 4-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Brenny et al (US 5,839,377).

Brenny et al discloses a device for installing and removing rail clips connected to a railroad cross tie comprised of two tool levers 102, 104 supported on an overall frame shown in figure 1. Each tool lever has a pressing surface 106 at the lower end of the lever 102, 104. The tool lever also has an additional set of jaws mounted to it for closing about the rail clip to remove the clip. Shown in figure 6 the jaw is shown in the open position. The lever arms and jaws are each pivoted about a lever bearing. The lever bearing for the lever arms 102, 104 is located towards the top of the arm and numbered 162 and connects the lever arm to the pivot bracket 156. A second lever bearing is positioned on the jaw assembly at a midsection of the jaw and support a hydraulic squeezing cylinder 160. The Examiner has interpreted the first and second lever bearings to be transverse to the longitudinal direction based on the rail being on the longitudinal direction. The Examiner has interpreted the transverse direction to be in the horizontal and vertical directions and perpendicular to the longitudinal direction. For clarity, one can interpret the longitudinal direction of the rail as the x-axis with the

squeezing cylinder extending on a horizontal y-axis and the vertical direction being the z-axis. A dictionary definition states transverse as: "extending, or lying across, at right angles to the long axis." Therefore one can reasonably interpret both the y and z axes as transverse by understanding that the y axis would extend upward at a right angle from the rail and the z axis would lie across the rail. The squeezing cylinder 160 is positioned to pivot the tool levers transverse to the longitudinal with this direction laying across the direction of the rail at a right angle and pivoting about the axis of the bolts 162 of the lever bearings.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Almaraz et al discloses a rail clip applicator with a work head and pivoting tool arms.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ROBERT J. MCCARRY JR whose telephone number is (571)272-6683. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, S. Joseph Morano can be reached on (571) 272-6684. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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